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MEETING, BREMEN, JULY 7: AFRICA

1. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION STABREIT, THE SUBJECT OF AFRICA TOOK UP MOST OF THE MEETING TIME OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON JULY 7. THESE DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, WERE ON PROCEDURE RATHER THAN ON SUBSTANCE.

2. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ZAIRE. THEIR DISCUSSIONS COVERED NO NEW GROUND. THE CODE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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CONDUCT WAS MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING. ZAIRE RECEIVED MORE SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WHERE, IN STABREIT'S VIEW, THERE WAS MORE UNANIMITY THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED, GIVEN THE WELL KNOWN OPPOSITION OF SEVERAL EC STATES TO WESTERN INTERVENTION (STABREIT MENTIONED DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS IN THIS REGARD.)

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3. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED TO KEEP AFRICA AS A STANDING ITEM ON THEIR AGENDA FOR THE DURATION OF THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY AND STABREIT INDICATED THAT SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WOULD BEGIN WITH THE NEXT MEETING OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON JULY 26-27. (SEE SEPTEL FOR DETAILS.)

4. FOLLOWING ARE THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WHICH WERE ANNOUNCED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ON JULY 7:

BEGIN TEXT: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN AFRICA AND REAFFIRMED THAT THE NINE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO A POLICY BASED ON ENCOURAGING THE INDEPENDENCE OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND TO CONTINUING TO MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR ECONOMIC NEEDS. IT EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THEIR PROBLEMS.

THE COUNCIL RECALLED THE STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER OF THE ACTIONS, LIMITED IN SPACE AND TIME, UNDERTAKEN BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE NINE IN ZAIRE. IT NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE TO TAKE THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MEASURES REQUIRED TO ENSURE THE PEACEFUL PROGRESS OF THE WHOLE OF CONFIDENTIAL

THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE.

THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMED THE NEED TO ENSURE THE EARLY AND PEACEFUL ACCESSION OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE TO INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF NEGOTIATED AND INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE OUTCOMES TO NEGOTIATIONS. IT EXPRESSED ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS WHICH CERTAIN MEMBER STATES ARE MAKING, WITH OTHERS, TOWARDS THIS END.

THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMED ITS CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID AND ITS DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY. END TEXT.
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